



EUROPEAN BOXING UNION (EBU) – NEWS (December 2023)

Dear boxing friends

For the last October day I travelled to Laval at the border of the French Bretagne in order to supervise the EBU-rematch between **Jordy Weiss (F)** and **Jon Miguez (E)**, but just two days before the contest Miguez fell out with medical problems. The promoter was in shock as the arena had been sold out already, but he succeeded to find a replace opponent with **Meriton Karaxha (Alb)**, who was no. 22 of the ratings and was agreed by the EBU-Council. The fight was competitive and Weiss won the title by unanimous decision. This incident shows that it is always wise to have a replace opponent around. It is difficult to promote high level championship contests with just two opponents, as there is always the risk that one of the opponents is hurt and cannot compete. In fact that recently happened for three EBU-championship-fights and brings the promoter in a very bad situation.

Just three days later the same promoter organised in Vesoul (French Burgundy) an excellent female championship contest for the vacant EBU-welterweight-title between **Marine Beauchamp (F)** and **Dee Allen (UK)**. Allen won a split decision but it turned out that the timekeeper didn't end the first round after 2 minutes, and it lasted 2 minutes 42 seconds until somebody told him. Marine Beauchamp suffered a kd in this first round, which may have been the effect of a too long round. The EBU-Council voted therefore in favor of a rematch, but the champion Allen may make a voluntary defence first. Although we may mostly rely on our officials it might be wise that the Supervisor checks the time and makes sure that the timekeeper knows the conditions.

A sad trip brought me to Helsinki on 25th November, 2023, in order to attend the funeral of our dear friend **Pertti Augustin**. Pertti has been a loyal worker for the EBU all his life long; thanks to him our ratings are so well developed. It is very sad that we had to lose him. The funeral took place in presence of the Finnish EBU-Ring Officials Esa Lehtosaari, Erkki Meronen, Anssi Perajoki, Jere Kanninen and of the EBU-Council-member Jussi Niemonen. It has been a dignified ceremony the way Pertti deserved and would have liked. **May he rest in peace!**

This year's WBC-Convention took place in exotic Tashkent (Uzbekistan) and proved to be a very hospitable adventure. Guest of honour was **Mike Tyson** who was shown suitable appreciation by **Evander Holyfield**. More than 1'000 attendees were entertained with exotic dances and excellent food. As it has been done before, the President of the EBU was elected Vice-President of the WBC due to the good relation with the EBU, a founder member of the WBC.

Referring to weigh-ins I beg all of you to have a look at art. 4.2. of our EBU-Boxing Rules, which asks for official pre-weigh-ins 15 days (not more than 7% over the limit) and 3 days (not more than 3% over the limit) prior to the contest, to be officially checked by the licensing Federation of the boxer. The local Federation for the contest is entitled to insist on these pre-weigh-ins, as recently was the case.

Please show responsibility and care for all boxers not only for those that are licensed with you!

I thank you for having read these EBU-News; your comments are always welcome

With my warmest personal regards

Peter Stucki, EBU-President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stucki', is written over the typed name of Peter Stucki.



Pertti Augustin † 12.10.2023